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FOR: POLYPEPTIDES IMPLICATED IN THE EXPRESSION OF RESISTANCE TO
GLYCOPEPTIDES, IN PARTICULAR IN GRAM-POSITIVE BACTERIA,
NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCE CODING FOR THESE POLYPEPTIDES AND USE
FOR DIAGNOSIS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Applicants request entry of the following amendments.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 36, 38-41 and 43 without prejudice and replace with the
following claims:

44. (New) A composition comprising at least three of the following:

(a) a protein having the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2 or a fragment of SEQ

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ID NO:2, wherein said protein or fragment when combined with (b) and (c) confers
Bub 6/17 resistance to glycopeptides in Gram-positive bacteria;

(b) a protein having the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:6 or a fragment of SEQ
ID NO:6, wherein said protein or fragment when combined with (a) and (c) confers
resistance to glycopeptides in Gram-positive bacteria; and